

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUPERIOR TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 8, 2015 AT 7:00 PM IN THE SUPERIOR AUDITORIUM 199 N. LOBB AVENUE,  
SUPERIOR ARIZONA, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Valenzuela called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	Jayne Valenzuela
Vice-Mayor	Olga Lopez
Councilmember	Gilbert Aguilar
Councilmember	Michael Alonzo
Councilmember	Stephen Estatico
<b>Absent:</b> Councilmember	Mila Besich-Lira
<b>Absent:</b> Councilmember	John Tameron

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Dennis Van Gorp, Family Life Christian Center gave the Invocation

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Town Manager	Margaret Gaston
Attorney	Steven Cooper
Fire Chief	Todd Pryor
Library	Josie Campos
Police Chief	Mark Nipp
Senior Center	Paula Romero
Public Works	Anthony Huerta
Sanitation	Bob Hanus
Finance	David Romero
Administration	Ruby Cervantes
Town Staff	Nora Miramon

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:**

Tom Spridgen	David M. Smith
Sonnie Sansom	Larry Bravo
Terri Bravo	Melissa Rabago
Sue Anderson	Pam Rabago
Bill Anderson	

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Fire Department- Chief Pryor, no comments or questions from Council.

Library-Director Ms. Campos, Installation of the Access Point Computer. There will be a Grand Opening on Tuesday at 1:00 pm and it is open to the public. This is available to anyone who is looking for employment. The time will be monitored. This computer is specifically for individuals looking for employment and doing research for employment.

Police Department- Chief Nipp, Mayor Valenzuela just wanted to mention it was brought to his attention. The Police Department closes the restrooms and Public Works opens them. On Christmas Day the bathrooms at the rest area were not open until 9-10 am and the other night they were still open at 1:00 am in the morning. The last thing we want is more vandalism in those restrooms. Chief Nipp stated he will send out a reminder to the officers.

Senior Center-Interim Director, Paula Romero, Her reports are on a monthly basis. She let the Council know about all of the activities the seniors have attended for the holidays. She is looking for ideas for more activities for this coming year. Mayor stated if there is anything that the Council or Town could do let him know. Paula stated she is really happy working at the Senior Center and loves what she is doing.

Public Works-Anthony Huerta, no comments, Councilmember Alonzo commented on how good and clean the cemetery looks and that the streets are also looking good. Mayor thanked Mr. Huerta for their hard work.

Sanitation-Bob Hanus, no questions or comments at this time. Mayor, question regarding blue stakes.

Town Manager-Margaret Gaston, There will be a new LDS group coming to Superior for a conference at Mr. Cardon's, the old high school. This will be in February with 200-300 people and another one in March with 400-500 kids to donate their time to our community. We are looking for projects that they will be able to do for the town. If there is any organization that needs help with some projects, just contact Town Hall we do have a contact number.

We finally have both ambulances in service as of yesterday. The ambulance had a problem that a Ford dealership had trouble tracking down and fixing, and one that the City of Mesa does not work on. Jason Barragan has kept track of the ambulance and all of the maintenance that needs to be done. He also kept me updated as to the status of the ambulances. It turned out to be a dealer type of repair. Jason did a good job.

An advertisement will be in the paper next week asking for a proposal for audit services. 2010/2011 will be the first year to be reviewed. Proposals are due by February 4<sup>th</sup>, and Council will review the proposals on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Council will decide who will perform the audit. Margaret is hoping we get caught up. This is a major accomplishment for the Town of Superior.

Tax Audits-To date 11 audits and 23 rental assessments are complete. Total assessments are \$74,813 and collections are \$18,666. Mr. Holler has sent 88 questionnaires out regarding taxes. Next they complete the construction audits, commercial audits and residential construction audits.

Mayor-Jayne Valenzuela Just wanted to talk a little bit about the LDS Church. He received a phone call from Mr. John Lesueur. They are looking for different projects. Maybe the Food Bank can be painted, he heard that the Food Bank was looking to paint and spruce the building so that might be a project we might be able to get done. We just need to get the paint. Perhaps someone can donate paint or the funds to purchase the paint. Any organizations that might have some projects that they need help with just call Town Hall. There are some guide lines to follow and we are waiting for Mr. Lesueur to send those guide lines to the Town.

Mayor wanted to make a statement like a State of the Union, but State of Superior which he did last year. Unfortunately he has been really busy and not able to get it done. There are a lot of things going on with county, a lot of layoffs and people being moved around, a lot of changes. He hopes to have that statement at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda with a correction of Mr. Estatico's first name, made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Support Regarding Proposed Changes to the Tonto National Forest Recreation Fees.** Councilmember Estatico feels we need to have some more feedback from the residents before going forward with this project. Motion to table Item A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Support Regarding Proposed Changes to the Tonto National Forest Recreation Fees made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.
- B. Discussion and Approval of appointment of Judge Larry Bravo as Superior's Town Magistrate Court Judge.** The Town of Superior's Town Code states the Magistrate Court Judge should be appointed every two years. Judge Bravo was re-elected as a Pinal County Justice of the Peace for Superior and Kearny. As Superior's Magistrate Judge Bravo makes \$7,196.00 per year. The compensation will stay the same. The Town does contribute to the Arizona State Retirement System for Judge Bravo. Judge Bravo does not receive any other compensation from the Town. Question by Councilmember Estatico, he has never seen this or doesn't know if this has been done in the past but the Town Code states you should report revenues. Judge Bravo said he would do that if that is something the Council wanted. Motion to approve the appointment of Judge Larry Bravo as Superior's Town Magistrate Court Judge made by Councilmember Alonzo, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.
- C. Discussion and Approval of Revised IGA FOR Law Enforcement Radio Communications Dispatcher Services between Pinal County and the Town of Superior.** Originally the Pinal County Supervisors asked for the Town of Superior's Town Council to approve the IGA first. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Council approved an IGA for Law Enforcement Radio Communications Dispatch between Pinal County and the Town of Superior. December 17, 2014, Pinal County Supervisors discussed the IGA and decided to make a change to the IGA. The Supervisors took out the wording "training, or any personnel costs that will be". The Supervisors wanted the money paid by Superior to the County, to be used for equipment, and not training. This is on page 3 of the IGA, under Maintenance and Equipment. Motion to approve revised IGA for Law Enforcement Dispatch between Pinal County and the Town of Superior made by Councilmember Alonzo, second Vice-Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

- D. Intergovernmental Agreement with Town of Florence for the Town of Superior Fire Department for Dispatching.** The Town of Florence had their IGA on their agenda on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, to approve dispatching for Superior's Fire Department, which includes the ambulance service. The costs associated with the IGA for dispatching, is a charge of \$16.00 per call. Based on last year the ambulance /fire department had approximately 700 calls, for a total cost of possibly \$11,200 per year, paid quarterly. The past few months with the clinic being open on Saturdays, the call volume has gone down. The initial agreement is in force until June 30, 2016, so we have more than a year. There will be some equipment costs and other costs involved for Superior to switch their radios to be able to communicate with Florence but the Police Chief and Todd Pryor have been working on that and we should be able to accomplish this fairly soon. Steve Cooper has already approved this IGA between the Town of Superior and the Town of Florence.

Also, this covers the two items on the agenda D & E. Margaret recommended on the next agenda item, the Council approve the **Joint Defense and Common Interest Agreement between the Town of Florence and the Town of Superior, pending the Town of Florence's approval.** Mr. Cooper has already approved this IGA also.

Mayor, what is the time line for this to take place if this IGA is approved? How much notice is being given to the employees that their jobs are going away? Ms. Gaston stated that they were notified that this was something the Town was pursuing last summer. The Town of Florence has offered them an opportunity to work for them if they meet all of their qualifications. Chief Nipp is hoping to go live by the end of the month. There will be two full time and two part time employees affected by this move. They will be given two weeks' notice.

Mayor requested a motion for items D & E on the agenda. Motion to approve agenda item D, Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Florence for the Town of Superior Fire Department for Dispatching, and Item E, Joint Defense and Common Interest Agreement Between the Town of Florence and the Town of Superior made by Councilmember Estatico, Second by Councilmember Alonzo, motion carries.

- F. Discussion /Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Superior Unified School District and the Town of Superior.** The Fire Department decided they needed some additional training. Todd approached the school to see if they could use the parking lot for driving training for the Fire Department. The school said yes and in doing so they realized they did not have a IGA with the Town.

The School's Attorney has approved the attached IGA and Steve Cooper has also approved the IGA. The agreement is for five years, unless terminated by either party with a 30 day written notice. School District's facilities will be available for use by the Town, depending on the school calendar and activities. We will be able to borrow equipment and manpower. Each entity furnishes the fuel they use. Which the borrowing party would pay for at the end of the budget year. If the Town has any equipment the School District needs to borrow, the same rules apply. We each have to maintain our own insurance, and workmen's compensation coverage for any personnel supplied.

Motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the Superior Unified School District and the Town of Superior made by Councilmember Aguilar, second by Vice-Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Sonnie Sansom- He just wanted to thank everyone for the sound system. After all of this time, he can hear everyone. Thank You.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Councilmember Aguilar- no comment

Councilmember Alonzo- He just wanted to thank the Fire Department and congratulations on a successful Christmas Drive. Once again, the cemetery and the streets are looking great. Margaret thank you for the great job on getting the audits scheduled he knows it has been a lot of work. People do not understand that these financial issues have been going on for years. Thank you for all of the work you have done.

Councilmember Estatico- He looks forward to this coming year and working with everyone.

Vice-Mayor Lopez- She agrees with Mr. Alonzo regarding the Fire Department and Margaret's great work with getting the audit. Public Works did a great job and thank you for all of their help with Besich Park. The holiday lights are all gone but there are a few lights still left to light up the Park year round. Looks great and have a great weekend.

Mayor Valenzuela- Welcomed everyone to the year 2015. We need to just be positive and move forward. To Town Hall Staff, David, Margaret, Ruby and Nora, thank you for the hard work in getting the paper work for the audits ready. Question to Chief Nipp from Mayor, if he looked into the Ordinance from the Town of Florence and what citations they issue to the residents. Chief stated he has put this on his radar and he will be taking over the Code Compliance. At this time this is something that can be done.

Manager- Wanted to specifically thank David Romero, Ruby Cervantes and Nora Miramon. We all have had to climb ladders and pull boxes to find paper work for the audits. Even though we had people come in and help it was these three individuals that did the majority of the pulling boxes off the shelves and Margaret really appreciates the hard work they have done. Also, Mr. Bob Bennet from Republic Services came into her office and wanted to know, what is one of the biggest problems the Town has regarding the garbage service. Margaret stated bulky pickup. He said he will meet with the manager of bulky pickups and in two weeks will meet with Margaret and see what can be done to improve the bulky pickup program.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mr. Steven Cooper read the following statement:**

At the April 10, 2014 Council Meeting the following members of the Superior Town Council declared a conflict of interest concerning matters involving Resolution Copper, Mayor Valenzuela, Vice-Mayor Lopez, Council Member Tamaron and Council Member Aguilar. Due to the four conflicts of interest the Superior Town Council would not be able to discuss matters involving Resolution Copper.

However, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-508 if conflicts of interest prevent a Town from acting as required by law in its official capacity, such action shall not be prevented if the Council members do have apparent conflicts and make known their conflicts of interest in the official records of the Town.

Due to the fact the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and two Council Members have publically declared their conflicts of interest at the prior Council Meeting and the Town Council would not be able to address matters involving Resolution Copper these Council Members are authorized to participate in matters involving Resolution Copper pursuant to A.R.S. 38-508,

Mayor Valenzuela called for a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Resolution Copper status of negotiations concerning possible Mutual Benefits Agreement for 30 minutes made by Councilmember Alonzo, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

Council moved into executive session at 8:05 pm.

At 8:35 Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Council, Town Attorney and Town Manager returned from the executive session. Motion to return to the regular Council meeting by Councilmember Estatico, second by Vice-Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

#### **SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Planning and Zoning meeting January 15, 2015; 6:00 pm

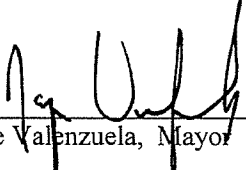
Superior Chamber of Commerce Home Tour January 24-25, 2015

Next Council Meeting is February 12, 2015, 7:00 pm

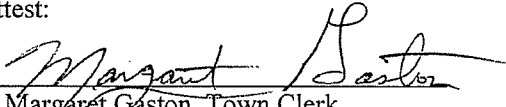
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilmember Aguilar, second by Vice-Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

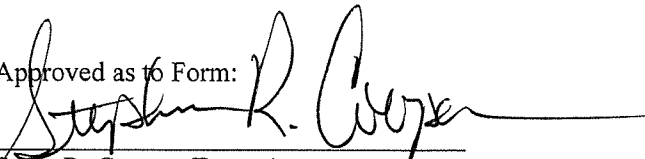
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

  
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Jayme Valenzuela, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Margaret Gaston, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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Steve R. Cooper, Town Attorney